

Low Power FM Radio is designed to allow community churches, schools, chambers of commerce, and other not-for-profit groups to broadcast to their local communities. We believe that news, music, opinions, and public affairs from local sources are more relevant to us and to our community, than the broadcasts of a syndicated service running unattended from a translator in our community. Low Power FM stations held by local organizations provides local programming.

We understand why consumers all across the United States have filed comments with the Commission, asking them to defend broadcasting. They want to hear an alternative to the overly commercial, frequently offensive programming put out by broadcasters like Clear Channel and Viacom.

We believe that translators should have a secondary status with regard to locally based Low Power stations. If a bonafide local organization wants to use a channel for local broadcasting, they should not be pre-empted by a translator station. The licensing system as it stands gives preference to remote, out of state organizations looking to rebroadcast on thousands of channels nationwide, rather than to local entities who want just local community radio stations.

Please expand LPFM, and allow communities to have a real choice of broadcasting.